



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 6.

DATE OF MEETING: July 23, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Glenda Pridgen, Administrative Assistant to the County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Requesting Approval of the Payment of Membership Dues:
Southeastern Economic Development Commission: \$5,222; School of Government: \$5,671;
and Cape Fear Council of Governments: \$21,203.

BACKGROUND: The County is a member of various organizations for various reasons. These items were included in the budget; this action simply authorizes the County Manager to prepare purchase orders and disburse these funds.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing the payment of membership fees and dues for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.



Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that

the Board hereby authorizes the payment of dues as follows: Southeastern Economic Development Commission: \$5,222; School of Government: \$5,671; and Cape Fear Council of Governments: \$21,203. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS _____

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman 7/23/12
Date

ATTEST 7/23/12
Date



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March 14, 2012

Mr. Mickey Duvall
Office of the County Manager
County of Pender
PO Box 5
Burgaw, North Carolina 28425

Re: Audit Report for FY Ending June 30, 2011
FY2012-2013 Annual Membership Assessment

Dear Mr. Duvall:

I am pleased to provide you with the attached audit report, which presents an unqualified opinion on the Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC) fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 financial statements. The organization-wide audit was performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations"; as required by the special terms and conditions of the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Partnership Financial Assistance Award under Section 203 Planning Program for local Economic Development Districts (EDD).

Thank you for Pender County's continued support of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC) Economic Development District (EDD). The District's success is based on collaboration with our local member governments and other organizations throughout the District. The SEDC Member Counties have joined together to mutually assist one another in various endeavors to create wealth and job opportunities for the citizens of southeastern North Carolina.

As you know, SEDC is a multi-county Economic Development District (EDD) designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The primary function of the District is to foster and promote economic growth through

planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure grants through the EDA to create meaningful employment opportunities for the citizens of southeastern North Carolina. As an EDD, SEDC formulates and implements a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for its member counties. The EDA Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (PWEDA), requires a CEDS in order for local governments and other eligible applicants within the District to apply for investment assistance under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs, which is a major source of infrastructure grants. Since its inception, SEDC has secured over \$80 million dollars in EDA monies for projects in the twelve-county region.

In accordance with ARTICLE XI, Section 1, of the SEDC Bylaws, the annual membership assessment is proportioned among the member counties of the Commission in accordance with the most recent decennial civilian population figures at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. According to the 2010 civilian population figures, Pender County has a population of 52,217. The current per capita annual membership assessment rate is ten cents (\$0.10) per capita. **Based on this information, the amount being requested from Pender County for its FY2012-2013 Annual Membership Assessment will remain at the FY2011-2012 funding level of \$5,222 for the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.** The county membership assessments will be leveraged with a Partnership Planning grant in the amount of \$63,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Commission for the implementation of the CEDS and administrative expenses of the SEDC Economic Development District.

Again, thank you for Pender County's continued support of the District. Should you have any questions regarding the annual membership assessment dues or the audit report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Pamela H. Bostic

Executive Director

(910) 862-6985 Ext. 32

SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

March 1, 2012

Michael N. Duvall
Manager
Pender County
PO Box 5
Burgaw, NC 28425-0005

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Dear Dr. Duvall:

The economy has forced us all to think more creatively about how to do more with less, to be innovative in finding solutions, and to be more collaborative in our work.

At the School of Government, we are working harder and more efficiently to meet your needs and to be as responsive as possible. We are continually expanding our blogs, online modules, and resource websites at no cost to you. We work to make our courses and publications affordable and convenient.

We could not develop these new resources or act this quickly to assist you if not for your membership dues. We do not take your support for granted. We work hard to earn your trust every day—with every phone call or e-mail, every course or conference, every book or blog post.

Your membership dues are more important than ever, as our state funding has been cut for each of the past three years. We are able to maintain the level and quality of our services because of your support through membership dues.

For the fourth year in a row, the School will not increase the per capita rate for membership dues, which remains at \$.1086 per resident. However, you may see an adjustment in the total amount due because of an increase (or decrease) in your jurisdiction's population based on the 2010 Census. A request for payment of your membership dues will be sent in July, as usual, and the adjusted amount is \$5,671.00.

If you have questions about your dues, do not hesitate to contact Brad Volk, the School's associate dean for administration, at 919.843.2553 or volk@sog.unc.edu. If I may be of assistance, please contact me at 919.966.4107 or msmith@sog.unc.edu.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Smith
Dean, School of Government

Cape Fear Council of Governments
 1480 Harbour Drive
 Wilmington, NC 28401

Statement 1213DS-037

STATEMENT

Name	Ms. Glenda Pridgen		
	Deputy Clerk		
	Pender County		
Address	P O Box 5		
City	Burgaw	State	NC ZIP 28425-0005

Date	01/20/12

Qty	Description	Unit Cost	TOTAL
1	Membership Dues for the period July 1, 2012 though June 30, 2013 NC State Demographer population estimate as of July 2010; 45,784 In consideration of the current economic situation membership dues remain the same as for the previous four years. Dues & Matching Funds leverage \$8 million for services to citizens of the Cape Fear Region. Thank you for your continued support.	\$ 21,203.00	\$ 21,203.00
		Subtotal	21,203.00
		TOTAL	\$ 21,203.00

If you wish to pay from this statement:

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Greetings from Your Cape Fear COG Director!

It's budget time again and like you, we are doing our preparations for revenue projections so we can budget services. So, enclosed is your annual dues statement from us. Although we have always based support on a per capita allocation formula, in view of the budget issues we all face, this year's request remains the same as the last four years **with no increase**, even though population has increased. It is likely that few on your governing board actually understand what the dues represent, how they are allocated, and may even be asking for justification of the support of CFCOG. That is a fair question, so allow me to explain.

Overall, your annual contribution leverages \$8.1 million for you and the other local governments in our Cape Fear Region. We consistently have kept our administrative costs near four (4) percent so that the other 96% of funding is applied to regional programs that directly benefit your citizens like aging services, job training, youth programs, transportation planning, direct technical management and planning assistance to you, to name a few. Unlike the plethora of "outside agencies" seeking support, your COG is an extension of your staff, with direct hire and fire accountability vested in the very governing boards that preside over our members. We at the CFCOG, are a mere reflection of you our members, an extension of your staff, ready to backfill as a force multiplier so you do not have to fill vacant positions at full time costs.

Your CFCOG appreciates the trust you have bestowed on us in the past and stand strong, ready to come along side of you during these troubling times. We must continue to seek creative regional solutions as a more cost effective approach, knowing that like neighbors helping neighbors, together we can reap the local benefits of regional cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris May

Chris May and Staff
Cape Fear Council of Governments

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